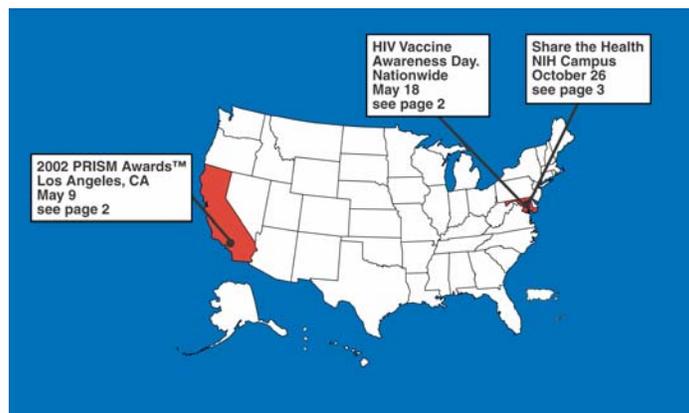


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Upcoming Public Events

2002 PRISM Awards Ceremony Scheduled

May 9, 2002

Los Angeles, CA

The 2002 PRISM Awards™ will take place to honor outstanding efforts in the accurate depiction of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use and addiction in film, television, interactive media, and comic book entertainment. Established in 1997, the PRISM Awards™ represent an annual partnership formed by The Entertainment Industries Council, Inc., the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The 2002 PRISM Awards™ will be broadcast on more than 100 stations, nationwide, sometime in August.

NIAID Recognizes Volunteers on HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

May 18, 2002

Nationwide

Preventive vaccine clinical trial sites, supported by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), will sponsor a variety of activities for the Fifth Annual HIV Vaccine Awareness Day on May 18. The events honor thousands of HIV-negative, healthy volunteers who have literally rolled up their sleeves to receive one of 31 different experimental vaccines to prevent HIV. Educational and outreach efforts will help people understand why a vaccine would be the best way to stop the spread of HIV, what it will take to develop an effective vaccine, and how ordinary people can be part of the international effort to prevent HIV from ravaging their communities. NIAID-funded clinical trial sites will also host a variety of activities, including free all-day community conferences, town meetings, entertainment, food, and educational activities. State, city, and local government officials throughout the U.S. will join community groups in recognizing HIV Vaccine Awareness Day with proclamations and other tributes to honor volunteers for their efforts in ending the epidemic. For more information, visit www.niaid.nih.gov/newsroom/mayday/default.htm or call James Hadley at (301) 496-5717.

Dr. Heilman to Outline NIAID's Biodefense Research Agenda

June 11, 2002

NIH Campus

Carole Heilman, Ph.D., Director of NIAID's Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, will present a lecture on "Biodefense: The Response and Role of NIH" at the kick-off program for the NIH Health and Safety Expo. For fiscal year 2003, the President proposes a \$1.2 billion increase in biodefense research funding. Although NIAID has made key contributions to biodefense in the past, the government's renewed focus on biodefense funding will enable the Institute to expand ongoing projects and to establish much-needed new initiatives to prepare for potential bioterrorism attacks. New programs will involve traditional grants to academic researchers and institutions and new models for government-industry partnerships.

The lecture will take place at 10:00 a.m. in Masur Auditorium in the NIH Clinical Center. For more information on NIAID's biodefense research portfolio, visit www.niaid.nih.gov/publications/bioterrorism or call James Hadley at (301) 496-5717.

NIH Shares Health Information with Its Neighbors

October 26, 2002

NIH Campus

Mark your calendars now for the fourth annual *Share the Health: An Exposition of Health Resources from NIH to Its Neighbors*. On October 26, this free health forum, sponsored by the NIH Office of Community Liaison, will showcase what NIH has to offer. Bring the entire family for free health information, refreshments, and activities. The forum features:

- Exhibits by NIH institutes;
- Lectures and discussions on key health issues;
- Stroke and blood pressure screenings;
- Wellness workshops on safety and relaxation;
- Tours;
- Volunteer opportunities; and
- Computer demonstrations on how to access health information on the Web.

Share the Health will be held at Natcher Conference Center in Building 45 on the NIH campus. For more information, call the Share the Health Coordinator at 301-650-8660, send an e-mail to tlamotte@palladianpartners.com, or visit the *Share the Health* Web site at <http://sharethehealth.od.nih.gov>.

New Resources for the Public

NIH Gives "Points to Consider"

Available Now

NIH has developed a guide to help scientists consider the public when planning genetics research. The guide, *Points to Consider When Planning a Study that Involves Members of Named Populations*, encourages scientific researchers to consult with the community when designing studies involving members of named populations. The guide outlines what is meant by community consultation, situations in which consultation should be considered, benefits for researchers and the community, and practical examples of community consultation. NIH encourages researchers to be open with communities about the goals and process of their research. This type of openness will inform non-scientists of the benefits of genetics research and address fears that participating in genetics research may place a population at risk for discrimination by insurers or other third parties. To view this guide, visit www.nih.gov/sigs/bioethics/named_populations.html. For more information, contact Judith Greenberg, Ph.D., at (301) 594-0943.

NIAMS Offers Information on Autoimmunity

Available Now

The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) has added another title to its "Q&A series" of patient-education booklets. *Autoimmunity* explains in plain language what the term autoimmunity means, what kinds of conditions are

considered autoimmune diseases, and how such diseases are treated. To order free copies (single or bulk), call the NIAMS Clearinghouse toll-free number, (877) 22-NIAMS, or view the information on the NIAMS Web site at www.niams.nih.gov.

Principles of HIV Prevention in Drug-Using Populations

Available Now

Community planners, policymakers, service providers, and medical practitioners have a new tool to help them as they develop and implement programs to prevent the spread of HIV and other infections among drug users and their sexual partners. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is pleased to provide a research-based guide, *Principles of HIV/AIDS Prevention in Drug-Using Populations*. The guide presents principles derived from a comprehensive research program that NIDA has sponsored in response to the dynamic nature of the co-occurring epidemics of drug abuse and HIV/AIDS. To view the entire publication, visit www.nida.nih.gov/pohp/principles.html.

NIAAA and NASADAD Produce Issue Briefs for State Directors

Available Now

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) has formed a partnership with the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) to provide Single State Agencies (SSAs) with research-based information and its implications for administrators of alcohol and other drug treatment systems. SSAs are responsible for providing a broad range of alcohol and drug prevention and treatment services throughout their states and communities.

State Issue Brief No. 1 focuses on the clinical use of medications as a part of alcohol treatment and addresses utilization and formulary issues related to alcohol medications. This State Issue Brief has also been informative for counselors, social workers, and other providers. The second of four Issue Briefs will focus on screening and brief interventions and their cost effectiveness. To obtain a copy, visit the NIAAA Web site at www.niaaa.nih.gov, or contact Kelly Green Kahn at (301) 443-0347 or via e-mail at kgreenka@mail.nih.gov.

NIAAA Launches New Web Site on College Drinking

April 9, 2002

NIH Campus

A variety of materials accompanied the release of *A Call to Action: Changing the Culture of Drinking at U.S. Colleges*, a report by the National Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Task Force on College Drinking. Among these materials is a new Web site from NIAAA called College Drinking Prevention (www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov). This site targets campus health administrators, college presidents, community leaders, high school guidance counselors, media, parents, and resident advisors or peer educators. College Drinking Prevention also features a special student section designed by a college student, with a unique look and feel for that audience. Viewers will have easy access to NIAAA reports and brochures, information on related research, NIAAA college research funding opportunities, college alcohol policies, National Alcohol Screening Day, and useful links to other sites. Be sure to visit this new Web site. Your comments and feedback are welcome. Any questions concerning the site may be directed to webmaster@collegedrinkingprevention.gov.

Announcements and Items of Interest

NIMH Web Site Award: Child and Teen Mental Health Information

A special section about child and adolescent mental health on the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) web site has been awarded a top five-star rating by the Tufts University Child & Family WebGuide, a not-for-profit resource which identifies, describes and evaluates web sites that contain the most credible child development information available. The pages about children and teens are at www.nimh.nih.gov/publicat/childmenu.cfm, part of the main NIMH site at www.nimh.nih.gov. The award honored NIMH “for making a significant amount of material accessible to child development experts, parents and others who work with children”, and for “providing a substantial amount of applied research information on mental health issues, covering learning disabilities, brain functioning, ADHD, medication, diagnosis, and causes”. More information is available at www.nimh.nih.gov/events/tufts.cfm.

NIAMS Community Health Center Featured in Special Edition Newsletter Spring 2002

In a special edition of the *IRPartners* newsletter, the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) highlights its Community Health Center in the Upper Cardozo neighborhood of Washington, DC. This special publication features the history of the Center, which opened in July 2001; its benefits to both the NIH and Upper Cardozo; and interviews with the Center’s bilingual staff. If you want to learn more about the Center’s activities and operations, visit *IRPartners* on the NIAMS Web site at www.niams.nih.gov/ne/highlights/irpartners/index.htm, or contact Rachel Moore at (301) 451-4822 or by e-mail at moorer1@mail.nih.gov for a printed copy.

Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee Meeting May 24 NIH Campus

NIH will sponsor an Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC) meeting on May 24, 2002, organized by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). The Committee membership includes representatives from several institutes at the National Institutes of Health, other Federal agencies, non-profit organizations, and families of individuals with autism or other pervasive developmental disorders.

The mission of the IACC is to facilitate the effective and efficient exchange of information on autism activities among the member agencies; to assist in increasing public understanding of the member agencies’ activities, programs, policies, and research; and to serve as a forum for bringing important matters of interest forward for discussion.

The May meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Building 31 (Conference Room 10, 6th Floor) on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland. The session will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Further information about the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee, including a membership roster, reports of previous meetings, and contact information, can be found at www.nimh.nih.gov/events/interagencyautism.cfm.

NIMH Constituency Outreach and Education Program Annual Meeting **April 28-30, 2002** **Washington, DC**

The third annual meeting of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Constituency Outreach and Education Program (COEP) took place in Washington, DC on April 28-30, 2002. Participants included representatives from Outreach Partner non-profit organizations in all 50 states and DC, as well as Education Network (EdNet) representatives. The EdNet component of the program includes national organizations involved in mental health, general health, medicine, education, business, and academia, as well as organizations that represent specific populations such as minorities, children and youth, and older adults.

Key NIMH staff and other experts presented scientific updates on the Institute's research progress; child and adolescent mental health, with a focus on bipolar disorder and obsessive compulsive disorder; understanding the epidemiology of mental illness; and schizophrenia. Outreach topics included combating stigma, increasing cultural awareness among professionals, and reaching specific populations such as minorities, primary care providers, pediatricians, school personnel, and parents.

The COEP has its own web site at www.outreach.nimh.nih.gov, including a listing of Outreach Partners across the country and other information about the program.

NIAID Receives Awards for Publication and Video **April 4, 2002**

NIAID recently won two awards for a video and publication from the National Association of Government Communicators Blue Pencil and Gold Screen Awards. The employment recruitment video, *NIAID: Come Join Us*, placed first in the sales/marketing category. The video gives an overview of NIAID, especially the Division of Intramural Research (DIR). Leslie Fink, director of communications for NIAID's Office of Communications and Public Liaison (OCPL), and Thomas Kindt, Ph.D., Director of DIR, served as executive producers. Joy Jackson of the NIH Medical Arts and Photography Branch produced the video, and Steven R. Richardson of Roland House directed it. For more information about the video, call James Hadley at (301) 496-5717.

Microbes in Sickness and in Health, a brochure by Ann London of OCPL, tied for second place with *The Structure of Life* by Alisa Machalek of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. *Microbes in Sickness and in Health* focuses on organisms that are essential for a healthy life and those that can cause infection and disease. View the brochure on-line at www.niaid.nih.gov/publications/microbes.htm or order a copy at www.niaid.nih.gov/publications/orderforms/order.htm.

NICHHD Conducts Primer on How NIH Works for Outside Organizations **April 4, 2002** **NIH Campus**

The Program and Public Liaison Office of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) conducted its second annual NICHD/NIH 101 symposium for new staff members of organizations that have a special interest in the research conducted by the Institute. Included during the daylong meeting were

presentations on the history of NIH and NICHD and the different funding mechanisms for research. Also included were “Building a Budget” and “From Research to Practice to Health,” presentations that explained how research findings are ultimately translated into practice and healthier behaviors. A tour of one of the Institute’s laboratories followed. For further information, contact Lisa Kaeser at (301) 496-0536.

Biodefense Research and Support: Job Opportunities

April 2002

NIH Campus

Consider joining the national effort to build a new research program aimed at the global problem of bioterrorism and emerging infections. Dynamic and committed individuals are invited to join the scientific and medical forces at NIAID. Numerous positions are immediately available. For more information, visit www.niaid.nih.gov/ohrm/biodefensejobs.htm or call James Hadley at (301) 496-5717.

NIDA Takes Part in National Inhalants and Poison Awareness Week

March 13–17, 2002

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) participated in a press conference to kick off the 10th Annual National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week (NIPAW). To coincide with NIPAW, NIDA has produced two informational postcards targeted toward young teens. NIDA will distribute 12,500 free copies of these cards in surf, ski, and skate shops nationwide.

Institutes Commemorate Brain Awareness Week

March 11–15, 2002

NIH celebrated Brain Awareness Week with a series of public lectures and other activities. Brain Awareness Week was started in 1995 by the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives, a non-profit organization committed to advancing the public benefits of brain research. Participating Institutes included the National Institute on Aging (NIA), the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), the National Eye Institute (NEI), The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), NIDA, and the National Institute of Deafness and Communication Disorders (NIDCD). Among the many highlights:

NIA Takes the Lead at Brain Awareness Symposium

March 11 and 15, 2002

Rockville, MD

NIA was the lead Institute at a symposium during Brain Awareness Week on March 11 and March 15. Adults of all ages learned how the aging brain handles memory loss, depression, drugs, alcohol, and more. Lectures, which followed the theme “The Brain, the Body, and Aging,” were held at the University of Maryland, Shady Grove Center, in Rockville. Six other NIH institutes participated.

Molly Wagster, Ph.D., and Neil Buckholtz, Ph.D., served as moderators and presented talks on memory and aging and on Alzheimer’s disease research.” Other titles included:

- “Depression in Later Life,” by NIMH
- “Drug Abuse and Addiction,” by NIDA

- “Alcohol and the Elderly,” by NIAAA
- “Worried About Senior Moments?” by NINDS
- “Age-Related Macular Degeneration,” by NEI
- “How and What Your Nose Knows,” by NIDCD

NIA also conducted hands-on computer workshops, led by Stephanie Dailey of NIA and Dr. Roger Morrell of Gerotech Corporation, to show seniors how to find on-line health information.

NIAAA Exhibit Hits the Road for Brain Awareness Week

March 13 and 14, 2002

Washington, DC

On March 13 and 14, NIAAA sponsored a hands-on exhibit for more than 400 middle and high school students as part of the 2002 Brain Awareness Week activities at the National Museum of Health and Medicine. Dennis Twombly, Ph.D., Program Director for Neurophysiology and Pharmacology at NIAAA, displayed his novel “Drunken Brain” exhibit, which uses a 4-foot brain model constructed from chicken wire and flashing Christmas lights. Dr. Twombly explained how alcohol can alter brain communication, motor performance, sensory perception, and cognition, leading to dependence. He also demonstrated how severe alcohol exposure suppresses brain cell activity, leading to central nervous system depression. Students visiting the exhibit attempted to navigate an obstacle course while wearing Fatal Vision prism goggles designed to simulate the diminished motor skills performance experienced during intoxication. Student volunteers dribbled a basketball with and without prism goggles, so they could observe first-hand the effects of alcohol on their motor capabilities. The Brain Exhibit will go on tour in San Francisco to accompany a talk on science education. The exhibit also will appear during the NIH *Share the Health* community health fair in October. For more information, contact Dr. Twombly at (301) 443-9334 or by e-mail at dtwombly@mail.nih.gov, or contact Diane Miller at (301) 443-3861 or by e-mail at dmiller1@mail.nih.gov.

Research Supports NIAID’s HIV Vaccine Communication Efforts

March 2002

Nationwide

NIAID’s National HIV Vaccine Communications Campaign aims to increase awareness of and support for HIV vaccine research among the general public as well as those affected by and at risk for HIV infection. Toward that end, NIAID is examining perceptions about HIV vaccine research among at-risk men who have sex with men (all races/ethnicities), as well as among at-risk groups of African Americans, Latinos/Latinas, injecting drug users, and local opinion leaders. NIAID hopes to learn about perceived barriers to participation in HIV vaccine research in various communities and the kind of assistance these communities need to support HIV vaccine research education. For more information, call James Hadley at (301) 496-5717.

NIAAA Honors Emergency Nurses CARE Co-Founder

February 25, 2002

Washington, DC

At the 2002 Public Policy Conference on Alcohol and Other Drugs, NIAAA Acting Director Raynard S. Kington, M.D., Ph.D., named Ms. Barbara Foley, R.N., as the fourth

recipient of the NIAAA annual Senator Harold Hughes Memorial Award. Ms. Foley is Executive Director and Co-Founder of Emergency Nurses CARE (EN CARE) of Alexandria, VA. The award honored her efforts to train over 6,000 registered nurses, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics who volunteer their time to educate communities about the dangers of underage alcohol use, drinking and driving, and safety belt non-compliance.

The Senator Harold Hughes Memorial Award honors the memory of former U.S. Senator and Iowa Governor Harold Hughes. Known as the “father of the NIAAA,” Senator Hughes was the force behind the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcohol Prevention Act of 1970 that established the NIAAA. This award was created in 1998 to recognize a non-researcher who advances the practical application of research in preventing and treating alcohol abuse. The awardee must have demonstrated a commitment to linking the research community with the prevention, treatment, and policymaking communities. Ms. Foley was chosen from a field of prevention professionals, policymakers, and advocates nominated by national, state, and local alcohol field organizations. To find out more about Ms. Foley, call the NIAAA Press Office at (301) 443-0595. For more information about the Senator Harold Hughes Memorial Award, visit www.rowsciences.com/haroldhughes.

NHLBI Promotes Public Involvement

February 6, 2002

Bethesda, MD

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) held its third annual public interest organization (PIO) meeting to encourage public input and involvement in NHLBI activities. The meeting also provided a forum for PIOs to interact and share information among themselves. Attendees heard four perspectives on “communicating your message,” then attended breakout sessions on research funding and getting involved in clinical research. They also heard about translating genetic research into practice and starting up a PIO. Meeting participants included representatives of 45 PIOs with interests in heart, lung, blood, and sleep research. The American Heart Association and the American Thoracic Society were also represented.

NIH Director’s Council of Public Representatives Updates

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

COPR Members to Present at APA Symposium

May 18–23, 2002

Philadelphia, PA

COPR members Rodrigo Muñoz, M.D., Debra Lappin, J.D., and Rosemary Quigley, J.D., M.P.H., will serve as presenters at a symposium, “Global Psychiatry and Patient’s Rights: Informed Consent,” as part of the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association (APA). The symposium centers on principles of human research protections as discussed by COPR. In an introductory presentation, Ms. Lappin will review the role of informed consent in research protections, the purpose and meaning of informed consent, the necessary elements of informed consent, and how things can go wrong. Ms. Quigley will discuss human research protections and informed consent as they relate to persons with mental illness. Harold Eist, M.D., Chair of the APA Commission on Global Psychiatry, and

Norman Sartorius, M.D., President of the European Psychiatric Association, will discuss the national and international applications of regulations guiding human research protections.

Muñoz to Represent COPR at NINR Meeting on Biodefense

May 14–15, 2002

Chevy Chase, MD

Rodrigo Muñoz, M.D., was invited to participate in the spring science workgroup “Increasing Nursing Research Opportunities in Biodefense,” sponsored by the National Institute of Nursing Research. His participation was requested because of his service as a COPR member, his experience in psychiatry, and his publication record in the area of behavioral issues.

The workgroup will highlight the current knowledge in biodefense and identify opportunities for nursing research in this area. Investigators in the fields of infectious disease, medicine, nursing, microbiology, immunology, psychiatry, and ethics will all lend their expertise to improving the ability of nurses to help victims of bioterrorism manage their crises and maintain their quality of life.

Kalabokes Participates in Breast Cancer Meeting

April 2002

Charlotte, NC

Kenneth Olden, Ph.D., Director of the National Institute on Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) invited COPR member Vicki Kalabokes to participate in the NIEHS Brainstorming Session on Breast Cancer and the Environment. Participants offered their input on gene-environment interactions in the developing breast and breast cancer, the use of animal models to study environmental influences on the breast, and the role of consumer and community involvement in shaping the research agenda in this area. Ms. Kalabokes and two representatives from Marin Breast Cancer Watch represented the consumer voice.

Montoya Serves on Peer Review Oversight Group

February 2002

NIH Campus

COPR member Isaac Montoya, Ph.D., represented COPR on the Peer Review Oversight Group (PROG) headed by Wendy Baldwin, Ph.D., NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research. This group is the principal advisory body on trans-NIH peer review issues. Dr. Montoya participated in the Regulatory Burden Advisory Group, where he is currently involved in reviewing and addressing the recent Notice of Proposed Rule-Making. This notice implements the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

In addition to his responsibilities with PROG, Dr. Montoya has also assisted the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. He also represented COPR at the swearing-in ceremony of new National Cancer Institute director Andrew von Eschenbach, M.D.

Yee Starts a New Tradition at Hawaii Elementary School

November 2001–Spring 2002

Big Island in Hilo and Honolulu, HI

COPR member Doug Yee was instrumental in coordinating the public events for the National Institutes of Health-Hawaii Research Partnership Site Visit. NIH leaders participated in public outreach events on Big Island in Hilo and in Honolulu, HI. These events included a lecture at the University of Hawaii campus and visits to local hospitals, rotary clubs, and other community groups.

Mr. Yee's efforts have made a long-lasting impact, especially for Joyce Tsuda's fourth grade class. NIH Acting Deputy Director Yvonne Maddox, Ph.D., visited Ms. Tsuda's class as part of the site visit. Dr. Maddox had such a good time that she now sends surprise packages each month: boxes of health awareness goodies. These packages have become highly popular with the fourth graders; their favorite goodies so far are brain-shaped squeeze balls that Dr. Maddox sent in observance of Brain Awareness Week.

Anderson in Many Places

As a COPR member and now as a COPR Alumnus, Mike Anderson continues to represent NIH wherever the need arises. In February, he gave the keynote address at an *Oklahoma Biomedical Summit*, a meeting for scientists interested in furthering biotechnology. He has also served on a panel for a PBS show, *Issues and Ethics of Genetic Reproduction*, produced by Fred Friendly Productions. National Human Genome Research Institute director Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D., served on the same panel. Mr. Anderson has spoken or written about NIH programs at many meetings and symposia.

Claudio Works Toward Eliminating Health Disparities

Luz Claudio, Ph.D., is a member of the Health Disparities and Environmental Justice Working Group for the National Children's Study (NCS). The Working Group aims to assist NIH in addressing issues of inclusion and retention of minority populations in the NCS, a landmark study that will recruit pregnant women to assess their environmental exposures. Children of the study participants will be followed throughout development to determine whether environmental exposures are associated with diseases later in life. The Working Group will design methods to include a broad representation of different ethnic and racial groups in the study.

Dr. Claudio also presented a lecture, "Societal Factors that Affect Children's Health," at the *Annual Conference of the Health Effects Institute* in Seattle, Washington on April 28. She spoke on the contribution of environmental justice factors to health disparities in minority populations.

Yee Invited to Serve on Hawaii State ICC

The Hawaii State Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN), funded by the National Center for Research Resources, has invited COPR member Doug Yee to serve on its Institutional Development Award (IDeA) Coordinating Committee (ICC). The IDeA is a merit-based, peer-reviewed program that broadens the geographic distribution of extramural NIH funding, strengthens an organization's infrastructure, and increases its capacity to conduct cutting-edge biomedical and behavioral research. Eligibility for the IDeA program is limited to those states that attained a success rate of less than 20 percent in competing for

NIH grants. States that received less than \$70 million, on average, in NIH support from 1995 to 1999 are also eligible. The Hawaii State BRIN's ICC determines which applications will be submitted under those federal programs with limited submissions, and it settles disputes among Hawaii State BRIN partners. BRIN encourages the development and sharing of research resources among state partners, with the hopes of increasing the number of competitive researchers in the state.

COPR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Members!

The NIH Director's Council of Public Representatives extends a warm welcome to eight new members:

- **Nancye W. Buelow**, of Clyde, NC, an advocate for people with genetic conditions and one of the "100 Women Volunteers Making a Difference" named by the ECKERD and Points of Life Foundations in 2000;
- **Debra S. Hall**, of Lexington, KY, a Registered Nurse and Critical Care Development Specialist and a doctoral degree candidate at the University of Kentucky;
- **Kimberley Hinton**, of Kansas City, MO, the Executive Director of the AIDS Council of Greater Kansas City who also works with the Dartmouth Black Alumni Association and on the advisory board of The Glimmer Fund, which supports women and families following pregnancy loss;
- **Theodore Mala, M.D., M.P.H.**, of Anchorage, AK, the Director of Tribal Relations for the Southcentral Foundation, where he coordinates health initiatives for 53 villages served by the Alaska Native Medical Center and directs the foundation's Traditional Healing Program;
- **Lawrence B. Sadwin**, of Warren, RI, the Chairman of the Board of the American Heart Association who also works with the Mended Hearts national support group for people with heart disease;
- **John Shlofrock**, of Northfield, IL, the Chief Executive Officer for Barton Management, Inc., the Vice President of the Illinois Council on Long-Term Care, and an advocate for senior citizens and for persons with mental illness;
- **Zelda Tetenbaum**, of Hinsdale, IL, a science and health educator and an advocate for persons with brain tumors; and
- **Donald E. Tykeson**, of Indian Wells, CA, a pioneer in the communications industry who founded Tykeson Foundation, which funds health care and medical research, education and arts initiatives, and children's programming.

The NIH press release and the complete biographies of these new members can be found on the COPR Web site at <http://public-council.nih.gov/COPR.asp>.

April 2002 COPR Meeting Summary

The seventh meeting of the Director's Council of Public Representatives met on April 15–16, 2002. After welcoming new members, Acting NIH Director Ruth Kirschstein, M.D., informed COPR of the many changes at NIH, including the recent White House

announcement that it has formally sent Dr. Elias Zerhouni's nomination as the new Director of NIH to the Senate. Dr. Kirschstein also announced the resignation of Anne Thomas, Associate Director of Communications, and introduced John Burklow, the new Acting Associate Director of Communications.

NIH presenters at the meeting included Anthony Fauci, M.D., Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Kenneth Olden, Ph.D., Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Wendy Baldwin, Ph.D., Deputy Director for Extramural Research; John Ruffin, Ph.D., Director of the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities.

During COPR's work group day, members invited Raynard Kington, M.D., Ph.D., Acting Director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; and Steven Katz, M.D., Ph.D., Director of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, Myrl Weinberg, President of the National Health Council and member of the NIH Committee on Research Priority Setting, and Carol Lurie, Founder of the International Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, to join them in issue specific work group discussions.